

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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REMARKS

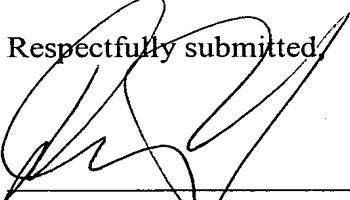
Receipt of the office action mailed November 10, 2004, is acknowledged.

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7 and 11-13 have been allowed. Claim 5 has been rejected, and claims 6 and 8-10 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In keeping with the following remarks, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant has rewritten claims 6 and 8-10 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, claims 6 and 8-10 are now in allowable form. Claim 5 has been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-4 and 6-13 as presented herein are in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any remaining issues or matters of form that will place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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